

CHAPTER NO. 595

HOUSE BILL NO. 2258

By Representatives Briley, Garrett, Hawk, Hensley, Vincent

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2387

By Senators Haynes, Kilby

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to autopsies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-7-109(b), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

In any case in which homicide is suspected, the autopsy report must be completed and submitted within sixty (60) days following the submission of the body for examination; and, in all other cases, the autopsy report must be completed within ninety (90) days following the submission of the body for examination. If an autopsy report is not timely completed and submitted, then the person responsible for writing the report shall provide written explanation of the delay and shall send copies of such explanation to the decedent's next-of-kin and to the person requesting the autopsy.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 19, 2004


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2004


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR